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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examining the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 10 and 12 as follows:

3. The device of Claim 1 [or Claim 2], wherein the visual indicator is a ring of contrasting colour compared with the body or a part thereof adjacent the ring.
4. The device of Claim 1 [any one of Claims 1 to 3], including locking means interacting with the body and the stem for selectively fixing the stem with respect to the body against deformation of the spring.
10. The device of Claim 1 [any one of Claims 1 to 9], wherein the stem has a pushbutton for depression against the action of the spring.

12. A suction-adhesive device comprising:
- a suction cup;
 - a stem extending from the suction cup;
 - a body through which the stem extends;
 - a spring interacting with the stem and the body for biasing the suction cup toward the body,

locking means interacting with the body and the stem [steam] for selectively fixing the stem with respect to the body against deformation of the spring.

Please add new claims 19 and 20 as follows:

19. The device of Claim 2, wherein the visual indicator is a ring of contrasting colour compared with the body or a part thereof adjacent the ring.

20. The device of Claim 1, including locking means interacting with the body and the stem for selectively fixing the stem with respect to the body against deformation of the spring.

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A suction-adhesive device [(10)] comprising a suction cup [(14)], a stem [(19)] extending from the suction cup [(14)], and a body [(11)] through which the stem [(19)] extends. A spring [(18)] interacts with the stem [(19)] and the body